

PROPOSITION 12
SAN GABRIEL RIVER WATERSHED, SAN GABRIEL
MOUNTAINS AND LOWER LOS ANGELES RIVER
PROJECTS AWARDED FUNDING

Azusa River Wilderness Park Acquisition - \$2,017,000 – City of Azusa

Acquire approximately 27 acres at the north end of the San Gabriel River to become part of an 88-acre passive recreational park. This acquisition will protect the property and allow the northern section of the river to remain undeveloped and in a natural state. This section of the river is one of the last portions remaining with natural sides and a natural channel bottom. Access to the San Gabriel River Regional Bike Path is just south of this site and riders will be able to easily access the Wilderness Park. It is estimated that a minimum of 30,000 people will visit the park annually.

Whittier Narrows Trail Improvements - \$245,800 – Los Angeles County Parks and Recreation

Develop a pedestrian/bike trail to connect the Whittier Narrows Regional Park to the San Gabriel River Channel, increasing public access to the bike trail along the channel. Visitors to the park (estimated at 1.8 million annually) will gain direct access to the San Gabriel River Trail and the river trail network. Grant funds will assist in the development of the trail, planting of natural vegetation along the trail, informational kiosks, establishing riparian habitat along the bank to assist in natural erosion control and construction of a new parking lot.

Lost Canyon River Park Acquisition - \$765,000 – City of Santa Clarita

Acquire four parcels totaling approximately 92 acres along the Santa Clara River for additional park space. This location will eventually become the easternmost trailhead and river park along the Santa Clara River Trail for an estimated 120,000 visitors each year. The acquisition will protect the property from development and portions of the river from being armored with concrete lining. Approximately one-quarter mile downstream the river has already been channelized to allow for residential development.

River Tidal Lands Acquisition - \$5,898,900 – City of Long Beach

Acquire 7.27 acres along the lower Los Angeles River to link Cesar E. Chavez Park and Drake Park to form a greenway along the river. This project is part of a larger development plan for the 450,000 residents of Long Beach to create a greenway with coastal wetland areas, provide open space and habitat, and pedestrian and bike trails. The land is currently industrial use. Along with the

\$150,000 in funding from the Los Angeles River Parkway program, a total of \$6,048,900 is proposed.

Heritage Garden Park Improvements - \$410,200 – City of West Covina

Construct a pedestrian trail approximately 1.5 miles long, interpretive signage, picnic area and footbridge at Heritage Garden Park. The park consists of approximately 14 acres of naturally sloping hillside with groves of California black walnuts, oaks, a year-round stream and a historically significant 1912 Craftsman house. The stream runs across the west side of the property and is a tributary to the San Gabriel River. The park serves the community of West Covina.

Montebello Trail Improvements - \$1,000,000 – City of Montebello

Planning, design and implementation for trail and trailhead improvements along the Rio Hondo Channel between the Whittier Narrows Dam and ending at the southerly boundary of Whittier Boulevard. Improvements include interpretive signage, replacing existing footbridge, trail amenities (bicycle racks, troughs, drinking fountain, etc.), constructing cloverleaf ramps, grading, and providing additional bicycle and equestrian linkages at Whittier Boulevard. Anticipated visitors are estimated at more than 200,000 annually.

Paseo del Rio at San Gabriel Coastal Basin Spreading Grounds Improvements – \$291,400 - City of Pico Rivera

Plant native vegetation and provide public access to the 128-acre Coastal Basin Spreading Grounds along the San Gabriel River between Whittier Boulevard and Washington Boulevard. Public access to this water retention/recharge area is currently restricted and the area is barren. Grant funds will assist in planting native trees and shrubs, installing irrigation, providing rest areas with benches and tables, lighting, fencing, signage, gates, and constructing a foot-bridge. The project will serve both pedestrians and bicyclists and is anticipated to attract more than 36,500 visitors annually.

Compton Creek County Bikeway Improvements - \$153,500 – County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation

Improve a two-mile stretch of bike path along Compton Creek between Artesia Boulevard and Del Amo Boulevard. The project will include signage, adding native trees and plants along the bike path and converting a current service road into the bike/pedestrian trail. This trail serves the residents of the City of Compton and several of its surrounding communities.

City of Bell/Los Angeles River Bikeway Improvements – City of Bell - \$200,000

Plant native vegetation for erosion control, irrigation, replace chain link fence with wrought iron fencing and river rock along one-third mile of bike path along the Los Angeles River. Improvements are for the portion of the bike path that runs along River Drive between Randolph Street and Gage Avenue. This project is part of a continuing effort to improve portions of the trail that traverses the City of Bell.

Bellflower Riverview Park Improvements – City of Bellflower - \$2,970,871

Develop approximately 15 acres of land adjacent to the west side of the San Gabriel River into a regional park. The project includes removing concrete from a boxed culvert to permit the water to flow through the park through a natural stream course, constructing pedestrian and bike trails, parking lot, restroom, picnic area, shade structures, informational kiosks and plantings of drought tolerant native vegetation. This park will serve the users of the San Gabriel River Trail and West Branch Bikeway and the community of Bellflower.